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109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 527

[Report No. 109–207]

To amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

JULY 28, 2005

Additional sponsors: Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. CASE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SHUSTER

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 2, 2005]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Vocational and Tech-*
 5 *nical Entrepreneurship Development Act of 2005”.*

6 **SEC. 2. VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**
 7 **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.*
 9 *631 et seq.) is amended—*

10 *(1) by redesignating section 37 as section 38;*

11 *and*

12 *(2) by inserting after section 36 the following*
 13 *new section:*

14 **“SEC. 37. VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENTREPRENEUR-**
 15 **SHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

16 *“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-*
 17 *nitions apply:*

18 *“(1) ASSOCIATION.—The term ‘Association’*
 19 *means the association of small business development*
 20 *centers recognized under section 21(a)(3)(A).*

21 *“(2) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means the*
 22 *program established under subsection (b).*

23 *“(3) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER.—*
 24 *The term ‘small business development center’ means a*

1 *small business development center described in section*
2 *21.*

3 “(4) *STATE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT*
4 *CENTER.*—*The term ‘State small business development*
5 *center’ means a small business development center*
6 *from each State selected by the Administrator, in con-*
7 *sultation with the Association and giving substantial*
8 *weight to the Association’s recommendations, to carry*
9 *out the program on a statewide basis in such State.*

10 “(b) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*In accordance with this sec-*
11 *tion, the Administrator shall establish a program under*
12 *which the Administrator shall make grants to State small*
13 *business development centers to enable such centers to pro-*
14 *vide, on a statewide basis, technical assistance to secondary*
15 *schools, postsecondary vocational schools, or technical*
16 *schools, for the development and implementation of cur-*
17 *ricula designed to promote vocational and technical entre-*
18 *preneurship.*

19 “(c) *GRANT AMOUNT.*—

20 “(1) *MINIMUM GRANT.*—*Each grant awarded by*
21 *the Administrator under the program shall be in an*
22 *amount not less than \$200,000.*

23 “(2) *NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT.*—*The Admin-*
24 *istrator shall not require, as a condition of receiving*
25 *a grant under this section, that the applicant provide*

1 *a matching amount, either in cash or as in-kind con-*
2 *tributions.*

3 “(d) *APPLICATION.—Each State small business devel-*
4 *opment center seeking a grant under the program shall sub-*
5 *mit to the Administrator an application in such form as*
6 *the Administrator may require. The application shall in-*
7 *clude information regarding the applicant’s goals and ob-*
8 *jectives for the educational programs to be assisted.*

9 “(e) *REPORT TO ADMINISTRATOR.—As a condition of*
10 *each grant awarded under the program, the Administrator*
11 *shall require the recipient to transmit to the Administrator,*
12 *not later than 18 months after the date of receipt of the*
13 *grant, a report describing how the grant funds were used.*

14 “(f) *COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS.—*
15 *The Administrator may enter into a cooperative agreement*
16 *or contract with any State small business development cen-*
17 *ter receiving a grant under this section to provide addi-*
18 *tional assistance that furthers the purposes of this section.*

19 “(g) *EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—Not later than*
20 *March 31, 2008, the Administrator shall transmit to Con-*
21 *gress a report containing an evaluation of the program.*

22 “(h) *CLEARINGHOUSE.—The Association shall act as*
23 *a clearinghouse of information and expertise regarding vo-*
24 *cational and technical entrepreneurship education pro-*
25 *grams. In each fiscal year in which grants are made under*

1 *the program, the Administrator shall provide additional as-*
2 *sistance to the Association to carry out the functions de-*
3 *scribed in this subsection.*

4 “(i) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*
5 *authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section*
6 *\$7,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006, 2007, and 2008.*
7 *Such sums shall remain available until expended.*

8 “(j) *FUNDING LIMITATIONS.—*

9 “(1) *NONAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN LIMITA-*
10 *TIONS.—Amounts made available under this section*
11 *are in addition to any amounts available under sec-*
12 *tion 21(a)(4).*

13 “(2) *LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—The Ad-*
14 *ministrator shall carry out this section using only*
15 *amounts appropriated in advance specifically for the*
16 *purpose of carrying out this section.”.*

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